

June 6, 2001

Dear Sir or Madam:

As Chief Executive of the State of Mississippi, one of my top priorities is to improve the quality of life for all Mississippians. My administration is determined to make Mississippi "America's State of Promise" and I support and encourage growth throughout the State of Mississippi.

The Mississippi Development Authority serves an integral role in the plans to increase economic development in the State of Mississippi. Trade holds a key role in the economic health of states and nations and is important to relations, both national and international. By fostering these relations, Mississippi will continue to move forward and will be able to share the cultural and economic benefits with all people involved in the trade arrangements.

Opportunities, such as those made possible through national and international trade relations, will continue to benefit the State of Mississippi and our nation as a whole. I support the advancement of Mississippi and look forward to the endless opportunities and partnerships that will be formed through improved trade relations.

Very truly yours,

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